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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR US WHEAT SALES--CCC CREDIT

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1. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH CENTRAL BANK AND STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION OFFICIALS, ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RESOURCES MOHAMED HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GSL HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROVISION THAT LETTER OF CREDIT EITHER BE ISSUED BY US BANK OR BY ELIGIBLE FOREIGN BANK AND CONFIRMED 100 PERCENT FOR ALL RISKS BY US BANK (PARA 3.C., REFTEL A). MOHAMED SAID IT IS LIKELY LETTER OF CREDIT WOULD BE ISSUED BY MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST.

2. MOHAMED SAID HE AND CHAIRMAN SILVA OF THE STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION WORKING ON FORMAL GSL REQUEST FOR CCC CREDIT FOLLOWING OUTLINE PROVIDED SHANKLIN-SPILLANE LETTER OF JANUARY 14. HE EXPECTS FORMAL REQUEST TO BE READY SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21.

3. FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES ON SRI LANKA'S IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR FOR YEARS 1972 THROUGH 1976 AS REQUESTED REFTEL A.

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DATA ON FLOUR IMPORTS FOR 1975 AND 1976 DIFFER SOMEWHAT FROM STATISTICS PROVIDED BY EXTERNAL RESOURCES AND SUBMITTED REFTEL C. EMBASSY BELIEVES FOOD COMMISSIONER'S FIGURES GIVEN BELOW ARE MOST RELIABLE AND WILL BE USED IN NEXT REPORT ON FOOD GRAIN SITUATION AND OUTLOOK.

4. WHEAT IMPORTS BY STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION (IN METRIC

TONS), ALL FROM AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD.

1972-91,791
 1973-83,169
 1974-91,561
 1975-93,463
 1976-127,257

5. WHEAT FLOUR IMPORTS BY FOOD COMMISSIONER (IN METRIC TONS-
 COLUMNS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING)

1972-US(PL 480)	193,521
FRANCE (COMMERCIAL)	46,445
EC (COMMERCIAL)	37,638
AUSTRALIA (GIFT)	11,367
FRANCE (GIFT)	6,622
ITALY (GIFT)	16,554
CANADA (GIFT)	16,971
TOTAL	329,117
1973-US(PL 480)	58,775
US(CC CREDIT)	107,423
CANADA (COMMERCIAL)	14,900
FRANCE(COMMERCIAL)	65,906
ITALY (COMMERCIAL)	24,489
SINGAPORE (COMMERCIAL)	48,297
AUSTRALIA (GIFT)	12,744
CANADA (GIFT)	10,853
EC (GIFT)	7,285
FRANCE (GIFT)	5,298
FRG (GIFT)	15,231

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TOTAL	37VWPP
1974-US(PL 480)	19,997
AUSTRALIA (COMMERCIAL)	85,336
BELGIUM(COMMERCIAL)	20,679
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	
(COMMERCIAL)	10,109
GDR (COMMERCIAL)	22,472
FRANCE (COMMERCIAL)	126,555
FRG (COMMERCIAL)	12,247
ITALY (COMMERCIAL)	20,098
SINGAPORE (COMMERCIAL)	33,847
SOUTH AFRICA	
(COMMERCIAL)	15,994
USSR LOAN	33,116
SUPPLIED FROM:	
(FRANCE-12,107)	
S(SINGAPORE-13,284)	
(THAILAND-7,724)	
AUSTRALIA (GIFT)	12,962

CANADA (GIFT)	15,610
EC(GIFT)	3,311
FRANCE (GIFT)	6,618
ERG (GIFT)	6,622
GDR (GIFT)	3,311
TOTAL	448,886
1975-US(PL 480)	101,434
AUGSTALIA (COMMERCIAL)	75,764
FRANCE (COMMERCIAL)	165,132
SINGAPORE (COMMERCIAL)	30,954
AUSTRALIA (GIFT)	21,520
CANADA (GIFT)	8,585
EC (GIFT)	29,617
FRANCE (GIFT)	5,297
ITALY (GIFT)	6,000
SWEDEN (GIFT)	7,750
UN GRANT	10,470

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TOTAL	462,523
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NOTE: COMMERCIAL IMPORTS FR
SZHZSTRALIA IN 1975 INCLUDED 33,045 MT
DIVERTED TO REPAY 1974 USSR LOAN.

1976-US (PL 480)	99,969
AUSTRALIA (COMMERCIAL)	46,569
BELGIUM (COMMERCIAL)	33,024
FRANCE (COMMERCIAL)	110,086
ITALY (COMMERCIAL)	10,853
SINGAPORE (COMMERCIAL)	13,807
AUSTRALIA (GIFT)	7,622
CANADA (GIFT)	16,330
EC (UN GRANT)	10,475
FRANCE (GIFT)	9,246
FRG (GIFT)	8,246
NETHERLANDS (GIFT)	3,450
SWEDEN (GIFT)	12,500
TOTAL	382,176

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